

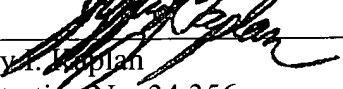
REMARKS:

As required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants' entire claim listing has been provided herein with the text of withdrawn claim 1 added thereto. Accordingly, this document is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 25, 2005. Moreover, Applicants' remarks on pages 5-9 of the response to non-final action filed December 20, 2004, continue to be applicable to the claims listed herein, and those remarks are hereby incorporated by reference into this document.

The Examiner is invited to call the below-listed attorney to resolve any outstanding matters. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees believed due from, or credit any overpayment to, our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Dated: February 1, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 1, 2005

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